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- DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED AREAS...Even if it looks shallow enough to cross.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles. Water only one foot deep can displace 1500 lbs!
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.
- Roadways concealed by floodwaters may not be intact.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have recently receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding are due to people driving through flooded areas.

Flood: Know Your Terms

Flood Watch:

Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Flash Flood Watch:

Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground; listen to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for information.

Flood Warning:

Flooding is occurring or will occur soon; if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Flash Flood Warning:

A flash flood is occurring; seek higher ground on foot immediately.